

**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS**  
**Professional and Vocational Licensing Division**

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### **DCCA's Professional and Vocational Licensing to Hold Extended Hours Before Year-End Deadline**

HONOLULU – Hawai'i Department of Consumer and Commerce Affairs Director Keali'i S. Lopez announced that for the first time the Professional and Vocational Licensing Branch (PVL) will hold extended hours on Dec. 29 and Dec. 30 to accommodate those needing to renew their licenses before the end of the year.

Dec. 31, 2011, at midnight is the deadline for 30 categories of licensed professionals and vocational workers in Hawai'i. (See attached)

The licensing branch in Room 301 of the DCCA's King Kalakaua Building at 335 Merchant St. will be open until 7 p.m. on the two last business days of the year (Dec. 29 and 30). The licensing branch is normally open until 4:30 p.m.

Most of the licenses can also be renewed online at:  
[http://hawaii.gov/dcca/pvl/e\\_services](http://hawaii.gov/dcca/pvl/e_services).

Seven categories (Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Prescriptive Authority, Beauty School, Certified General Appraiser, Certified Residential Appraiser, State Licensed Appraiser, Pre-Need Funeral Authority and Cemetery Authority) **must** be renewed in person by Dec. 30 at the PVL licensing branch or postmarked by Dec. 31 to ensure timely renewals.

There are 23,712 licenses up for renewal at the end of the year. As of Dec. 20, more than 40 percent have not renewed.

"We would like to encourage those facing expiring state licenses and certificates to renew before Dec. 31, 2011," DCCA Director Lopez said. "The DCCA is taking this unprecedented step of holding extended hours to help Hawaii's licensed professionals meet their requirements for operating in the state."

"Our licensing branch staff will be working to ensure that all applications for renewal will be processed in a timely manner to provide uninterrupted service for their operations," PVL Administrator Celia Suzuki said.

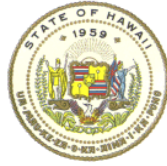
Most of those who miss the renewal deadline will be able to apply to have their licenses restored. There are varying time periods in which those restorations must be done. There are also a variety of monetary penalties and additional fees that would apply to those who miss the deadline and want to restore their licenses.

The PVL offices will be closed on Monday, Dec. 26, 2011, in observance of the Christmas holiday.

The DCCA Professional and Vocational Licensing Division is responsible for 25 professional boards and commissions and 22 licensing programs. In total, the Division licenses 47 different professions and vocations in the state of Hawai'i.

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These lists of professions have a Dec. 31, 2011 deadline for license renewal.

The following professions can renew licenses online:

Activity Desk (active/Inactive)  
Audiologist  
Barber (active/Inactive)  
Barber Shop (active/Inactive)  
Beauty Instructor (active/Inactive)  
Beauty Operator (active/Inactive)  
Beauty Shop (active/Inactive)  
Certified Public Accountant  
Chiropractor (active/Inactive)  
Community Service Dentist  
Dental Hygienist  
Dentist  
Firm Permit to Practice  
Hearing Aid Dealer & Fitter (active/Inactive)  
Naturopathic Physician (active/Inactive)  
Optometrist  
Pharmacist (active/Inactive)  
Pharmacy (active/Inactive)  
Pharmacy - Misc. Permit (active/Inactive)  
Public Accountant  
Speech Pathologist  
Travel Agency (active/Inactive)  
Wholesale Prescription Drug Distributor (active/Inactive)

The following cannot renew online:

Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Prescriptive Authority  
Beauty School  
Certified General Appraiser  
Certified Residential Appraiser  
State Licensed Appraiser  
Pre-Need Funeral Authority  
Cemetery Authority